reached during the 4th session of the Indo-Iran Joint Commission held in New Delhi in February, 1987 by which the Iranian side agreed to effect imports from India of items of a value equivalent to 50 per cent of the oil contracted during the period of the oil contract.

(c) This is not expected to have any adverse effect on India's trade and foreign exchange position.

(d) Exports are being promoted independently of the oil contract.

Action taken against the Management of Gopala Towers and Siddharth Hotel

*29. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what legal action has been taken against the management of the Gopala Towers and Siddharth Hotel for lapses in the construction of these buildings resulting in loss of life and property on account of fire incidents;

(b) the stage at which these two cases are at present pending in the courts and the reasons for the delay in pursuing these cases vigorously; and

(c) whether as a consequence of outbreak of fire in these buildings, any improvements have been made in the Delhi Fire Service to deal with such situations?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) In the case of fire at Gopala Tower, a case under section 336/304-A/201 IPC was registered on the 6th June, 1983 against the proprietor and 4 others. The charge-sheet was submitted to the Court on the 26th September, 1983 and is pending trial.

In respect of fire at Siddhartha Inter-Continental Hotel, a case under sections 304-A/337/338 IPC was registered. A charge-sheet was filed in the Court on the 2nd March, 1987 against the Lobby Manager, Inspector (Security) and the Siddhartha Inter-Continental Hotel Limited. The case is pending trial.

A grant of Rs. 11.83 crores has been sanctioned for the Delhi Fire Service for opening 5 more fire stations and for acquiring modern equipments. The Delhi Fire Service has procured a number of Sophisticated fire equipment especially meant for fire-fighting in high-rise buildings.

Steps to protect the Tamilians living in Sri Lanka

*30. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken in the recent past by the Government of India to protect the lives of Tamilians in Sri Lanka;

(b) what steps have been taken to get the economic blockade of Jaffna lifted by the Sri Lankan Government; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to stop Sri Lankan military offensive against Tamilians, if so, what are the details hereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Government has been continuing its exchanges with the Sri Lanka Government and has conveyed its point of view concerning the effects and implications of steps taken by that Government against Tamils. Presently the military offensive against Tamils has slackened and the economic blockade of Jaffna has been lifted.

Modernisation of Textile Industry

*31. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have for-

mulated any new policy for the modernisation of the textile industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

Killings by Terrorists in Delhi

*32. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had been warned by the Indian High Commission in Canada five days in advance of the danger that Sikh terrorists might attack a residential area in Delhi and organise a bombing and shooting incident on the eve of elections in Haryana;

(b) if so, what action was taken in the matter so that the killings by Sikh terrorists in Delhi on June 13, 1987 could be prevented; and

(c) what are the reasons for not taking the warning seriously and undertaking urgent security measures to prevent the killings?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) The coded message from the Indian High Commission in Canada was received by the Ministry of External Affairs in Delhi on 12th June, 1987. The message did not contain any specific information but only conveyed general information to the effect that some rumours had been heard in a Gurdwara in Canada that Sikh extremis's would try to create disturbances in Haryana and Delhi prior to and during the elections by blasting a number of bombs.

In any case, it had been anticipated that the extremists might create disturbances in Delhi and an Alert already existed since the beginning of June, 1987.

Attack on the Indian Consulate in Karachi

*33. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH:

SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a highly explosive device was thrown at the Indian Consulate in Karachi sometime in May, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the damage, if any, caused thereby to the Indian Consulate; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) An explosive device was thrown at the Consulate General of India in Karachi in the early hours of May 27, 1987. While there were no casualties, the roof of the waiting area for visa applicants was damaged.

(c) Government considers it to be the responsibility of the Government of Pakistan to provide full protection to our Missions located in Pakistan.

The attack on the Consulate General of India in Karachi was taken up with the Government of Pakistan which expressed deep regret at the incident, ordered a detailed investigation and assured full protection for the safety and welfare of our officials.

Unemployed Youth

*34. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of unemployed youth at present in the country, State-wise;